



**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 United States Patent and Trademark Office  
 Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING OR 371 (c) DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/697,233	10/30/2003	David B. Volkin	19698YCC

000210  
 MERCK AND CO INC  
 P O BOX 2000  
 RAHWAY, NJ 070650907

**CONFIRMATION NO. 9156**  
**FORMALITIES LETTER**



\*OC000000011867798\*

Date Mailed: 02/10/2004

**NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

***Filing Date Granted***

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 8A & 8B in the specification. However, there is no figure labeled as 8A or 8B when submitted upon filing.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$122 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$122 for a Large Entity

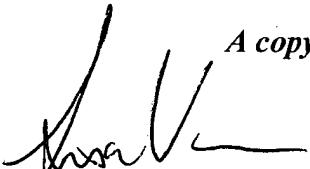
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$122

- \$86 for 3 independent claims over 3.
- \$36 for 23 total claims over 20.

Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

---

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

  
Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 3 - OFFICE COPY